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STAGE 2 TRAFFIC HANDLING **MOJAVE BRIDGE RETROFIT ON SR-18**

Victorville – Caltrans began a project earlier in March to complete one of the last bridge retrofits' in the State of California. The bridgework will take place on State Route 18 (SR-18) in Victorville on the Mojave River Bridge. The \$7.6 million project will protect the structure from catastrophic collapse in the event of a large seismic event. The work will also repave the section of roadway on SR-18 over the Mojave River Bridge, and add guardrail and a concrete median.

Some of the work will be completed in five stages with traffic control over the next several months. The first stage of work will be complete on Tuesday evening, April 3. The second stage of traffic handling begins on Wednesday morning, April 4, at 5:00 a.m. and is listed below.

Stage 2 begins Wednesday, April 4

24 hours a day/7 days a week – alternating lane closures

 Duration of second stage of work - approximately 4-6 weeks

Monday through Sunday

- ?? 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – two lanes available on northbound SR-18 (toward Victorville) and one lane available on southbound SR-18 (toward Apple Valley)
- ?? 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. – two lanes available on southbound SR-18 (toward Apple Valley) and one lane available on northbound SR-18 (toward Victorville)

Consideration has been given to the peak traffic direction for lane availability. The portion of the project that will impact traffic is expected to be complete by July 2007. The remainder of the work will take place in the river bottom and is expected to be complete in summer 2008.

For information on other Caltrans roadwork, please go to our website at caltrans8.info. As soon as you see orange cones ahead, know that you are heading into the CONE ZONE. Most cone zone collisions occur without warning, before cars even reach the construction area. Most injuries and deaths in the cone zone are from rear-end collisions. Focus...don't talk on the phone or change radio stations. A quick reaction could save your life. Slow for the cone zone!

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